

# The Gleichen Call.

Devoted to the Up-Building of Gleichen and the Development of the District Generally

WITHOUT  
IRRIGATION  
—  
The  
Gleichen  
District  
HAD  
Highest  
Average Yield  
—  
OF—  
Wheat & Oats  
—  
In Sunny Alberta  
in 1906  
ACCORDING TO  
GOVERNMENT  
STATISTICS

Year II., No. 41.

GLEICHEN, ALBERTA, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1908.

\$1.50 Per Year

## GOOD CHRISTMAS TREE ENTERTAINMENT

It was an extremely pleasant evening that the children of Gleichen had prepared for their parents and friends in the Foresters' hall Christmas eve, under auspices of the Union Sunday school.

The entertainment proved a most successful and enjoyable affair; indeed, by some it is rated the best ever given in Gleichen by local talent. The hall was crowded to the doors, it being estimated that fully 200 were in attendance.

The excellent program reflected great credit upon the performers and Miss Tingley, who had the instruction of the children. The cantatas, dialogues, songs, etc., showed that the performers must have spent many anxious hours of study. The little artists were in excellent form and carried out their difficult parts to a nicety that gained the applause of the audience.

The program was as follows:  
Chorus, Christmas Bells are Ringing.  
Address of Welcome, Grace McPhee.  
Solo, Elsie Wilkie.  
Recitation, Edith Jones.  
Chorus, Hark the Bells are Ringing.  
Recitation, Duncan Campbell.  
Violin Solo—Victor Beaupre.  
Recitation, North, South, East and West, Mabel Telford, Grace McPhee, Lucy Marshall and Beattie Telford.  
Trio, Onward March, March Onward, Misses Burns and McArthur and Mr. Fisher.  
Drill, Tambourine.  
Recitation, Miss McEwen.  
Solo, Kilarney, Mrs. Compton.  
Recitation, Jean Gooderham.  
Piano Solo, Joe Marshall.  
Dialogue, The Broken Doll, Beattie Telford, Cora Campbell and Douglas James.  
Trio, Misses McArthur and Burns and Mr. Fisher.  
Recitation, Mr. Easom.  
Cantata, Santa's Surprise Party.

After the program the elegant Christmas tree was stripped of its many presents by a very much alive Santa Claus, who did not overlook a child in his benevolence.

## Gleichen Seed Fair Prize List

Copies of the prize list prepared by the Provincial Government for the first annual seed and grain fair of the Gleichen District Agricultural Association are now being distributed and the list will be printed in these columns next issue. The list is a good one and the prizes offered run up to \$12 in some varieties. The fair is dated for Jan. 28th and should prove an unqualified success as we have in this district grain that cannot be beat anywhere.

## Celebrated Scottish Vocalist Coming

On Wednesday evening next we are to have a visit from Miss Lena Duthie, Scotland's great exponent of the folk-lore and national songs. This charming artist comes bearing the highest approval of the press and public wherever she has appeared. In company with Miss Daniel, her pianist, she presents an unique entertaining and delightful program, styled "An Evening in Scotland and Ireland". This is a performance that we do not hesitate to recommend and it is certain a big house will greet this eminent Scottish vocalist and entertainer. Seats are now selling at the Post Office Drug Store.

The Western Photo Co. has opened up a branch gallery in the Larkin Block for a short time only. Call and see samples.

## Chicago Editor Will Boost Gleichen

T. J. Champion, of the Chicago Live Stock World, who visited Gleichen last summer with a party of American newspaper men, has not forgotten his visit here, as will be seen by the appended extracts from a letter written Marcellus Bollinger one of our most enterprising new settlers close to town. Mr. Bollinger has answered the letter and in doing so gives a lot of most interesting information. A copy of the letter will appear in these columns next week.

Here are the extracts from Mr. Champion's letter:  
Am not just sure you will remember me, but I remember you and your very promising looking half section of land I visited while on a trip in the Canadian northwest last August.

I came over first with Mr. Crandall of the C.P.I.C. Co. that was on a Saturday and next day came back again with two gentlemen from Cuba who had bought land there or nearer Calgary the year before and were preparing to do some work on it the coming spring.

I have often thought your ranch was the most promising piece of land in crop I ever saw for a new ranch and have spoken of it to many of my friends.

Am now getting for five newspapers on the Canadian northwest and want to mention your place as one of the best I saw in my whole trip through Canada. For that purpose I ask you to write me at once if possible giving me some information.

I am particularly interested in the piece of wheat you were cutting when I was there. It was the piece east of your buildings and north of the little patch of beets and barley. I have seen a few pieces of 40-bu-to-the-acre wheat in my old state, Michigan, and I thought your piece there should yield better than 45 bu. to the acre as it was thicker, better headed and heavier in the sheaf than any wheat I ever saw being harvested in the east.

## Foresters' Ball New Year's Night

The Foresters Annual ball to be given tomorrow night promises to be one of the best ever given by that order, which is saying a good deal. They have arranged to secure the best music obtainable and the committee in charge is sparing no effort for the comfort and pleasure of their guests. They invite everyone to spend the first night of the new year with them and ensure an enjoyable evening.

## TOWN AND DISTRICT

No sleighing yet.  
A green Xmas, it was.  
It is cold—20 below zero.  
Councillors nominations Jan. 4th.  
15 photos for 25 cts. Taken in four different positions. Larkin Block.

Pocket and office dairies for 1909 at Post Office Drug Store.

To Smokers—T. & B. Tobacco is put up in 3, 4 and 9 plugs to the pound and sold at 30c., 25c., and 10c. per plug. F. K. McKay.

For the convenience of their clients in and surrounding Gleichen, Messrs. Short, Ross & Selwood, barristers, of Calgary, have decided to open a branch of their law office at Gleichen, where one member of their firm can be consulted on Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning of each week.

The Western Photo Co. takes negatives, show you proof and guarantee photos to be satisfactory. Larkin Block.  
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A most enjoyable dance was given by Mr. and Mrs. H. Prestwich at their ranch Christmas night. Quite a number of young folks drove out from town and report having had a very good time.

The first election of school trustees took place at Namaka last Thursday and resulted in election of Messrs. J. P. Lawrie, Mike Brown and S. J. Hedger. Quite a lively interest was manifested and Messrs. Stevens and Rhoads being the unsuccessful nominees.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Foster, a daughter, on Sunday Dec. 30th.

Albert Hanskin and his father of High River passed through Gleichen last week driving northward in search of ranch land.

B. Wishart and E. C. Henroth returned Sunday night from Vancouver and other B. C. points, and now state that Sunny Alberta suits them fine. They were not struck with the sloppy coast, where moss grows on the house, and where they almost shed their eye-teeth shaking in the cold, damp air.

Mike Brown will offer special prices to all his Namaka customers each week from now on through The Call. Watch his ad.

H. James returned Monday from visiting his sister Mrs. Biggs, at Rosbud creek, for several weeks.

The Ranchers ball Monday night was a grand success and to do it right The Call has arranged to have a rancher write the report of it, but he asks a full week to do it in.

The Call staff eat Xmas dinner at the Gleichen Hotel with Miss Host Gillespie and estimable wife and big family. It was an elaborate menu and if The Call is not all it might be this week please forgive us this once.

A matched race for \$50 will take place on the race course on New Year's day between J. Leggett's gray and W. H. James' white, owners up. This promises to be a good race as both these ponies are speedy and well matched.

Character is the result of two things, mental attitude and the way we spend our time.

Not long ago the Kaiser of Germany swore off drinking, using at banquets nothing but mock champagne. Now the report comes that he is crazy and spends hours in bed praying and reading books on religion. Thus we see that emperors have their troubles and do not always rest easy. The actions of the Kaiser in the past have denoted incipient dementia and his friends in this country are not surprised at his present condition.—Greenwood Lodge.

## NOTICE

No person shall set out fire within fifty feet of any building. Any person guilty of this offence is liable on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding \$10.

J. TAIT JOHNSTON,  
Sec-Treas., Village of Gleichen.

## Notice of Dissolution

Notice is hereby given that the firm of Millie & Kinninmouth, carrying on a general butcher business in Gleichen has this day been duly dissolved and in future will be continued under the name of Chas. A. Millie.

Dated at Gleichen, Alberta, the 1st day of Nov., 1908.

CHAS. A. MILLIE,  
J. KINNINMOUTH.

## THE DOGWATCH.

No One Seems to Know For Certain How It Got That Name.

The simplest facts, quite unchallenged and taken for granted, are often the hardest subjects for investigation. "Did you ever ask a sailor or a know-it-all why the dogwatch is so called?" queries a writer in The New York Sun who has himself made the experiment.

The chances are that the answer will be, "Why, the dogwatch is two short spells from 4 to 6 and from 6 to 8 o'clock in the evening to break the regular four-hour watches, so that the same men will not have to stand watch during the same hours every day."

Simple and lucid. But why "dog?" In a hunt after an explanation the first question was put to the officers' mess of a big battleship. Not one, from the executive officer of a quarter of a century's service to the ensign with his first stripe, could answer.

A boat's crew from the same ship failed to throw any light on the subject, although a gunner's mate allowed that "it might be they once had dogs on ship and they was let loose when this watch was on."

An officer of an Atlantic liner said he never had heard so silly a question.

"Why, the dogwatch is the dog-watch," he explained. "There's no why or wherefore about it. It's always been the dogwatch, and it always will be."

Having had the matter so firmly disposed of by this officer, inquiry was pushed to the East river, where may be found men who have been going down to the sea in real ships for many years. The pursuit of the "dog" was useless.

"Say," said a Harlem boatman, "what's the matter with trying 'Fighting Bob?' If he can't tell you the great American navy will lose caste."

So up to Rear Admiral Evans came the query. And from Fort Monroe came the answer:  
U. S. S. Connecticut, Sept. 2.

Dear Sir,—I am unable to give you the information you ask about the dogwatch. Of course we all know why the watch is made two hours long one seems to know why the name was applied. Yours very truly,  
R. V. EVANS.

At last a public library was resorted to. The dictionaries were merely provoking. "Five Thousand Feet and Fancies" was the only book found that threw light on the matter. Its explanation reads:

"Dogwatch, a corruption of dog's watch. The dogwatches were introduced to prevent the same men from always keeping watch the same hours of the day; hence on these occasions the sailors are said to dodge the routine, or to be doing dog's watch."

It may be added that Murray's great English dictionary gives a quotation introducing the term dogwatch from a book published in 1700, but gives no theory of the origin of the term.

## Exclusiveness in Heaven.

The minister had dropped in to tea and the conversation had drifted through various channels to the question of whether or not we should know each other in heaven. Presuming that our physical being would be perpetuated and that recognition would be assured, the minister had asked various ones at the table among whom the Biblical characters they would be most interested in recognizing. Some mentioned one prophet and some another, but one lady, noted for her social exclusiveness, had not spoken. Turning to her, the minister said, "And who would you like to meet in heaven?"

"Mrs. Inghewim pursued her line. 'I really don't know,' she said, 'but there is one thing I do know and that is that I shouldn't care to meet Eve. In fact, I don't know that I would speak to her if I did!'"

## How to Remove Mildew.

Mildew may be removed by moistening the article in lemon juice and placing in the sun. As fast as it dries renew the lemon. If this is not effective, make a paste of soft soap, to which you have added one table-spoonful of powdered starch, the juice of a lemon and a little salt. Spread over the spot and place in the sun.

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W. PARK EVANS,

Publisher and Proprietor.

Gleichen, Alberta, December 31, 1908.

A  
HAPPY,  
PROSPEROUS  
NEW  
YEAR  
TO  
ALL

# Alberta Grain Shipped Away

Five years ago scarcely a bushel of  
Alberta grain was shipped to the outside  
markets; now it is rapidly gaining a re-  
cognized position in the markets of the  
world and its reputation is of the high-  
est.

Last year owing to the climatic con-  
ditions, the yield was not so high as  
usual but this year's magnificent crop  
more than made up for the deficiency of  
last year.

The C. P. R. year ends on August 31;  
and up to that date is counted as the  
year 1907, during which twelve months  
there were shipped from Alberta 4,540,  
455 bushels of grain.

Up to December 19 last year there  
were shipped 1,895,000 bushels of grain  
from Alberta, and during the present  
year up to December 19, the shipments  
totalled 5,316,000 bushels, or nearly  
three times as much as during the same  
period last year. Of this amount 2,161,  
800 bushels came from points on the C  
& E. north of Calgary, and 3,154,200  
from points south.

There is not a single shipping point  
in Alberta that does not show returns  
of shipments of from two to three times  
the amount that was shipped last year,  
and at some places from six to ten  
times as much. The wheat this year  
grades, as a rule, No. 1, 2 and 3 North-  
ern, while that of last year was gener-  
ally placed in the rejected classes. The  
prices this year are also about 50 per  
cent higher than last year, so that the  
amount of money realized from this  
year's crop will be easily four times  
as much as that of last year.

Not only has the harvest been a  
bountiful one and the prices realized  
been away above the average, but the  
facilities for shipping have greatly in-  
creased.

While there may have been a scarcity  
of cars at times at some points, the  
fact that this year nearly three times  
the amount of grain was shipped up to  
December 19, that was shipped in the  
same period last year, is an evidence  
that the railway company realized the  
gravity of the situation and did its best  
to meet it. The crop this year is esti-  
mated to be from two to three times  
what it was last year, and the shipments  
have kept up in proportion and it is  
now estimated that fully fifty per cent  
of the crop of the province has been  
marketed.

The year that is now drawing to a  
close has been a good one for all con-  
cerned with grain, whether farmers,  
grain dealers or railway companies, and  
is only a forecast of what the future will  
be.

Alberta is estimated to have 43,000,  
000 acres of available land, and when  
even one-half of this is brought under  
cultivation, it can easily be seen what  
an immense amount of grain there will  
be for shipment.

As the area of cultivated land and  
the grain yield increases the necessity  
for other outlets both by the Hudson's  
Bay and the Pacific routes to the mar-  
kets of the Old Country, as well as the  
Orient, Mexico and the South American  
republics, increases in importance.—  
Morning Albertan.

# If Farmers Were Organized

Agriculture in the lump must get  
more into the game of politics. If farm-  
ers only had one faith in themselves  
they could move mountains. Properly  
organized they would be the most po-  
tent political force in the country, and  
when they spoke legislators would have  
to sit up and notice.

At present agriculture is the prey of  
every other interest and the predatory

feeders on the carcass seem to have the  
ear of law-makers.

During 1909 boost for Gleichen.

The good resolution season is at hand.  
1909 should be Gleichen's most pro-  
sperous year. Everyone can help make  
it a fact.

Never quit tooting your own horn  
while in business. Keep your ad. in the  
papers always so that the people will  
talk about you and not think you are  
dead.

Said a farmer the other day: "The  
more Gleichen grows the more produce I  
can sell and get better prices. The fellows  
who buy from me to ship away don't  
pay as much as your town folks. So I  
will buy everything here and watch  
Gleichen grow." That farmer is wise.

Between the woman who can keep a  
secret and the woman who can keep a  
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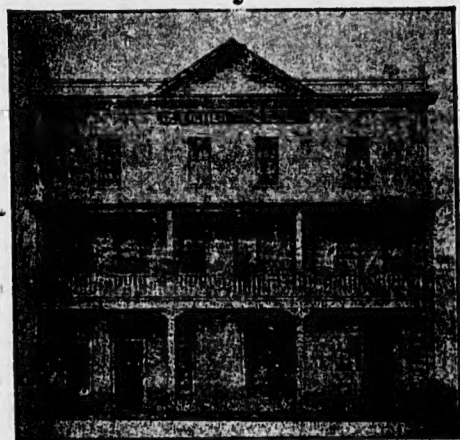
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### TRACING POISON.

The Power of Analysis of the Modern  
Chemist.

The ancients had no knowledge of poisons, and evidence points to the fact that most of their renowned poisoners was achieved by the simplest means. We know that powdered glass was used with dire effect. Arsenic undoubtedly was a prime favorite with wicked Italian and French court ladies. It should be remembered that until the second quarter of the nineteenth century arsenic could not be identified with certainty in the body of one who died from it. Now it is the most easily recognized of all poisons.

Taffania, the notorious Italian female poisoner, used arsenic. She gained large sums of money by the sale of mysterious preparations which were merely solutions of arsenic acid. These were sold in small vials bearing the image of a saint.

To detect the presence of poison an analytical chemist may spend many days with test tube, watch glass, reagent and microscope. Even if death has been caused by a poison whose mere smell has been fatal, truth will out, and there is more than one poison of this subtle kind. For instance, oil of almonds—which is used for making toilet soaps and also for increasing the scent of lavender—if inhaled sufficiently causes death by nitrobenzene poisoning.

But the cause can be unerringly ascertained in a postmortem examination. And less certain of detection are poisons injected by hypodermic syringe.

Extraordinary is the power of analysis that modern science has placed in the hands of the chemist, and few subjects are more interesting than the processes he employs. In the silence and secrecy of the laboratory many a dramatic experiment is worked out.

Take Marsh's famous test. Hydrogen is generated in a flask and the suspected liquid poured in. If arsenic be there the hydrogen seizes on it and forms a gas that will burn. Now watch the analyst as he holds a clean porcelain dish against the flame for a moment. If a brown spot appears in the middle, that is poison, arsenic or antimony; if close to the flame and on both sides of it—a notched spot—it is antimony; if deposited at a little distance from the flame it is arsenic.

Again, chloride of lime dissolves the stain of arsenic, but not that of antimony. On the other hand, protochloride of tin dissolves the antimony, but not the arsenic. Mistake is impossible. And there are scores of similarly unerring, precise, experiments.

### Hadn't Seen One Before.

Many, many, many years ago Lot Lee was a telegraph operator in the old Union station office, near the Indianapolis News. Lee was a hot operator and had the reputation of getting messages off in quick time.

One night a woman came in with a rush message for Connersville, Ind. She wrote it out and handed it to Lee. The latter checked it up, received the money, called Connersville, sent the message and placed it in a drawer with the "sent" business.

The woman hung around, eyed Lee as if she thought he was shirking his duty, not suspecting that her message had gone, and finally said:

"Would you mind looking in the drawer there to see if the message has gone. It's very important."

### Full of Words.

A dandy preacher of Mobile, never at a loss for words, was once commending to his congregation one of the organs of the church, and, according to an Alabama politician, this is how he did it:

"The missionary bulletin of this church needs subscribers. It is young and unfinancial, but through the instrumentality of backbone and grit it will become an ideal. It was ushered into existence out of purely innocent contemplation of moral and religious good, which would in all probability result from carefully agitated principles of righteousness. The bulletin will be observed mingling in social convolutions to furnish society with sheaves of harvest of those reasonable products common to social contingencies. The tone of the whole will be missionary work."

### First Firearms.

The invention of gunpowder is generally attributed to Bertholdus of Michael Schwartz, a Cordelier monk of Goslar, in Germany, about 1320. It is absolutely impossible for anybody to say just when the very first firearm was made, but almost immediately after the invention of gunpowder men began to experiment with it as a war agent, and we know that within twenty years from the time of the great discovery firearms were to some extent in use. They seem to have originated in Italy. A high authority says: "July and August, 1346, may be safely assumed to be the time when gunpowder was first brought to bear on the military operations of the English nation."

### The Mistletoe.

The mistletoe, which the Druids are said to have cut from oak trees with bill hooks of gold, for the plant was a sacred object in their religious ceremonies, is seldom found on oaks at the present day, although it abounds on many other trees, to which its presence is always eventually fatal. Such at least is the state of affairs in France in the regions, such as Touraine, that were once the special home of the Druids. Nearly 200 tons of mistletoe are annually exported from France to England, principally for use at weddings.

### Probably a Brother.

"Are you related to the bride or groom-elect?" asked the busy usher at the wedding.

"No."

"Then what interest have you in the ceremony?"

"I'm the defeated candidate."

### THE HEART.

What Happens to This Patient Organ When It is Overstrained.

The heart is a long suffering and patient organ, and fortunate it is that this is so, for even the gentlest or the laziest person puts burdens on it that any less obliging organ would resent to the extent of quitting work.

The digestive organs do this sometimes, and the result is much suffering for the time being. But when the quarrel is patched up and the offender ceases to abuse these useful and necessary parts of the body life goes on as before.

The heart cannot stop work for a minute, for if it should life would end at once, and so human nature presumes upon its knowledge of this and puts all sorts of difficult tasks upon the heart.

There is a limit, however, that cannot be exceeded, especially by those who have passed the fortieth milestone, without risk, if not instant death, at least of chronic invalidism.

The heart is a muscular bag, divided into four compartments, the function of which is to pump the blood to all parts of the body, which it does by the regular contraction of its walls. In health and under normal conditions this pumping action goes on regularly and quietly. But when an impediment is offered to the flow of blood in the arteries, such as occurs during active exercise or under the stress of some strong mental emotion, such as grief, anger or great joy, the muscular wall must contract more forcibly.

If the opposing force continues beyond a certain time the heart gets tired, and its cavities dilate a little, while its action grows more rapid. The sign of this is shortness of breath. Young athletes, by a course of judicious training, gradually strengthen the heart muscles so that it is able to meet the strain and overcome it by more forcible contractions. In youth also the organ is elastic and readily returns to its normal size, even in the absence of training, as soon as the strain is reduced.

In later life, however, the elasticity disappears, and a severe tax on the organ, such as bicycling uphill, running or even a strenuous game of tennis when one is "soft," may result in a dilatation which is not reduced readily or which may even persist as a crippled heart, making its owner more or less of a permanent invalid.

Every person over fifty should avoid severe physical strains of all kinds. He should exercise regularly—walking is the best kind of exercise for the heart—but he should avoid unusual feats of running, bicycling or even horseback riding if he would keep his heart in condition. As long as the other organs—liver, lungs, stomach, etc.—are in good condition, a well spent life.

### Spelling at St. Andrews.

Just as, according to the familiar saying, the shoemaker's wife often goes the worst shod, so it would appear that in some of our university towns proficiency in the elementary art of spelling is not invariably exhibited in public notices. In that ancient Scottish seat of learning and the Mecca of golf, St. Andrews, the writer of this paragraph observed the other day a notice affixed to one of the churches intimating that services were held every "Sabbath" at such and such hours, and on the historic links there is an excellently painted notice board which reads thus: "The Public Are Requested to Keep of the Grass." We had often heard of the spell of St. Andrews but scarcely expected to find it in this particular form.

### Stones and Glass Houses.

The origin of the saying, "Those who live in glass houses should not throw stones," is as follows: At the time of the union of England and Scotland, London was inundated with Scotchmen, and London roughs used to go about at night breaking their windows. Buckingham being considered the chief instigator of the mischief, a party of Scotchmen smashed the windows of the duke's mansion, known as the glass house. The court favorite appealed to the king, who replied, "Steenie, Steenie those who live in glass houses should be careful how they fling stones!"

### Malacca Belles.

Eastern standards of beauty differ, like the customs, from those of the west. In Malacca, we are told, the small waist and velvet eyes do not count, but instead the length of the neck is the criterion of beauty. The longer it is the more perfect the beauty. The girl of Malacca at a very early age is fitted with a metal collar which compels her to keep her head erect, and as she grows the collar is increased in size, and by this means the neck is gradually elongated. A Paris contemporary, with the prescient eye, will be seen in European cities.

### Shopping in Scotland.

It has been said that the Scottish dialect is peculiarly powerful in its use of vowels, and the following dialogue between a shopman and a customer has been given as a specimen. The conversation relates to a plaid hanging at the shop door:

Customer (inquiring the material)—  
—Oo (wool)?  
Shopman—Aye, oo (yes, of wool).  
Customer—A' oo (all wool)?  
Shopman—Aye, a' oo (yes, all wool).  
Customer—A' ae oo (all same wool)?  
Shopman—Aye, a' ae oo (yes, all same wool).

### Nothing Doing.

"I've walked many miles to see you, sir," began the tramp, "because people told me you was very kind to poor chaps like me."

"Indeed!" said the genial white haired old man. "And you are going back the same way?"

"Yes, sir."

"Ah, well, just contradict that rumor as you go, will you? Good morning."

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That the secret of success is real merit. Our success has been built on this foundation—

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And in buying your Fruit, Confectionery, Tobacco and Cigars you get

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## 500 FARMERS WANTED

At the Gleichen Lumber yard where you can buy the best lumber, lath, shingles, doors, windows, etc.

A fine lot of A1 Fire Wood just arrived.

Get our prices before buying elsewhere.

**A. J. CAMPBELL, - Manager**

Office Massey, Harris, Gleichen.

## SARNIA LIVERY STABLES

We beg to announce that we have opened a Livery, Feed and Sale Stable in Gleichen and respectfully solicit a share of your valued patronage.

JAMES & LE MESSURIER, Props.

## STAPLES & COMPANY, LIMITED.

### Lumber,

# Cluny Bassano Brooks

In order to meet the demands of the settlers now pouring in along the line of the Irrigation Canal we have installed yards at the above points.

A full line of lumber and building material carried.

Dimension, Flooring,

Ceiling, Siding,

Lath, Shingles, Doors, Windows, Mouldings, Etc.



## Leaders Last Week in the Gold Watch Contest



Mrs. D. Gillespie  
Mr. Benton  
Mr. W. J. Slater  
Miss Convey  
Mrs. F. H. Blackburn  
Miss B. McEwen  
Mrs. Allgood  
Mrs. Maisey  
Mrs. D. Wilson

The prize will be given away next week and it is necessary that your tickets be checked over before the evening of the 4th of Jan. 1909.

### 20 Per Cent Discount

We wish to draw your attention this week to our big discount sale of Dolls. We are going to try and clear them at as near cost as we possibly can.

20 Per Cent off Every Dollar—that's what we mean

### Prize for Most Popular Girl

Also we are going to Give as a Prize to the most popular little girl in Gleichen the Best Doll we have in our store; one vote for your favorite with every Ten cents worth of goods you buy.

**Wilkie & Firth,**

## Saturday Bargains For Cash

Ladies Heatherbloom Underskirts, Regular	.....\$3 50	Saturday.....\$3 15
" Peterpan Waists "	.....1 00	" ..... 90
" " " " "	.....1 10	" ..... 1 00
" White Lace Underskirts "	.....2 25	" ..... 2 00
" " " " "	.....2 00	" ..... 1 75
" " " Corset Covers "	.....85	" ..... 75
" Cloth Skirts "	.....7 50	" ..... 7 00
" " " " "	.....6 75	" ..... 6 25
" Black Lisle Hose "	.....65	" ..... 55

From our Grocery Department we are offering Saturday Only:

7 Tins of Tomatoes for.....	\$1 00
9 Tins of Peas for.....	1 00
9 Tins of Corn for.....	1 00
9 Tins of Beans for.....	1 00
9 Tins of Pork and Beans for.....	1 00
9 Tins of Tomato Catsup for.....	1 00
12 Pounds of Cranberries for.....	1 00

We are making an extension to our store premises and in about ten days we will place before the public a full line of

## Boots, Shoes and Crockery

We are also adding a Ten Cent Counter, where many of the smaller articles required in the house can be had for

**Ten Cents.**

## GLEICHEN MERCANTILE Co.

Opposite The Call Office.

A. R. Yates is selling all Xmas. goods left over at cost price. This is an opportunity to get some good bargains. Do not fail to see them.

Santa Claus was good to Pincher Creek, natural gas being struck there about 7 o'clock Xmas. morning at a depth of about 300 feet.

## R U

Looking for a safe investment that will yield from 25 to 50 per cent? Then here is your chance:

¼ Section near Gleichen of which 100 acres is broken, 80 acres having been cropped two years and yielded an excellent crop. This land is all under the ditch and fenced and is an extremely good buy at \$35 an acre.

One Section, 4½ miles from Gleichen, which is irrigable, except 72 acres and in good shape for breaking next spring. I will sell this in either halves or quarter sections and at a bargain, the price being only \$28 an acre.

¼ Section, on Crowfoot creek, of unimproved land, with creek running through middle of it and coal within ¼ mile of place. This is a chance you seldom get to buy such good property at \$15 an acre.

Now is the Time to Buy. Don't delay.

Money to Loan

**REAL ESTATE AGENT, H. M. McKie,**  
Office in Call Block  
GLEICHEN, - ALTA

## Strathmore News Items

(From our own Correspondent.)

A very successful children's concert was held in the school house on Wednesday evening last. There was a good attendance of parents of the children and others interested in the welfare of the school. The way in which the different items were gone through showed careful training on the part of the teacher, Miss E. McKeen. The chairman, Mr. E. Lambert, in his opening remarks stated that at the recent examination and inspection of the school the inspector, J. A. Smith, stated that Strathmore was one of the best rural schools taught by one teacher that he had visited and he was pleased to be able to give a favorable report. This, the chairman remarked, reflected great credit on Miss McKeen and showed that she had taken great pains in the tuition of the children. Below is the full program.

Opening Address, Victoria Sadowski.  
Chorus, Santa Claus is Coming.  
Recitation, Cecil Lambert.  
Recitation, Ethel Harwood.  
Solo, Leo Chase.  
Recitation, Frank Inlay.  
Recitation, Huberta McElhoses.  
Dialogue, The Sick Doll.  
Duet, Clarine and Heuriete Schumacher.

Recitation, Ella Lloyd.  
Recitation, Hazel Ferguson.  
Dialogue, Marrying a Postress.  
Chorus, Jingle Bells.  
Recitation, Vernie Smith.  
Recitation, Charlotte Harwood.  
Solo, Victoria Sadowski.  
Recitation, John Lloyd.  
Dialogue, Trials of a Preacher.  
Recitation, Vera Lambert.  
Song, School Days.  
Recitation, Floyd Swertseger.  
Recitation, Leo Chase.  
Closing Address, Hazel Ferguson.  
God Save The King.

Tuesday last the election of trustees took place. A few days previous a contest seemed certain and canvassing had been going on. On the day of nomination only the supporters of Frank McElhoses turned up and the necessary formalities having been complied with he was elected, by acclamation.

A Christmas Tree was held here on the 24th inst, in the Methodist Church which was well attended, the children enjoying themselves very much. Through the excellent arrangements of the acting pastor, Mr. Collins a committee of ladies, every child received a Xmas gift. Santa Claus is to some extent an unknown but dear old friend of the children and it is rumored that Mr. W. S. Bush arranged for him to arrive at a convenient time to distribute the gifts to the little ones, and great was the excitement when he (Santa Claus) to the sound of sleigh bells came hurrying in fully equipped, he did not stay long however, as he had so many calls to make, yet a most enjoyable evening was spent to which he contributed very materially.

The baby may die so get its photo taken by the Western Photo Co. Larkin Block.

Gleichen seed fair, Jan. 26.

## MISCELLANEOUS

Small Ads under this heading cost 50 cents for first insertion and \$1 per month when more than one item is included an additional charge is made. Unless the number of issues are given with each order ads are left in until ordered out and charged for in full.

FOR SALE—I have closed a deal whereby I can sell 320 acres, war grant, \$1 65 per acre. Choose your land and write quickly. Captain Cooper, Box 412, Calgary, Alberta.

FOR SALE—Barrad Rock Cockerels \$2. Mammoth Bronze Turkeys, young toms \$5. Pullets \$3. All these birds guaranteed pure bred. If not satisfactory may be returned. M. S. Gibson, Blue Spring Ranch. 11-28

FOR SALE—Two coyote hounds (dogs) fifteen months old. Good killers and one very fast. Will sell singly or together. Apply to J. E. Gostigan, 13 miles north of Gleichen on C. P. Irrigation Survey.

FOR SALE—Windmill and pump in good working order. Apply, E. G. Ward, Gleichen. 11-19

STAYED—From C. P. R. engineering camp 10 miles east of Gleichen, one yellow and white setter dog, one year old. Anyone finding same will be rewarded by returning to J. Duff, Gleichen, Alta.

FOR SALE—Double Iron Bed complete with mattress; also Bureau, Pinner Light, Range and small Table. Apply to Ralph Notter, Box 92.

## NOTICE

Sealed tenders will be received up to January 15th, 1909, for the erection of the Pioneer School House, No. 1828. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any or all bids. For plans and specifications apply to:

GEORGE HORELE,  
Queenstown, Alta.

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## Harness Repaired and Oiled

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Don't Miss this opportunity.

A large English Plum Pudding for only 75c. worth \$1.50  
3 Large packages of Sultana Raisins for 25c.  
7 Large cans of Tomatoes for \$1.

**F. K. McKay**

Phone 311. Goods delivered 15 minutes after Order received.

## An Announcement

Having entered into partnership and bought out the bakery business of Messrs. Notter & Browning we will be found at their old stand for the present. We expect to move into the Larkin Block shortly where we will be pleased to meet all the old customers and all the new ones that may favor us with their patronage.

Wedding cake, Fancy cake and Good Loaf at fair prices.

## PEOPLE'S BAKERY, GIBSON & LARKIN

## The Elevator Ready

Just a few words now tells the story. Our elevator at Gleichen is now ready to be filled and we are paying Cash for Grain of all kinds and giving the best market prices.

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and a  
**Happy and Prosperous New Year**  
to One and All

**C. J. BRAY, - The Leading HARDWARE and FURNITURE Store**

## ..Christmas Groceries..

New Layer Figs. New Table Raisins. New Valencia Raisins.  
New Lemon, Orange and Citron Peel. Full assortment of Carr's Old Country Biscuits  
Nuts of all kinds.

Before buying elsewhere we invite the ladies of Gleichen and district to come and have a look at our

New Silk and Net Blouses, Fancy Collars, Belts and numerous other articles specially got for Xmas. Holidays.

**The Gleichen Trading Co., Ltd. W. H. JAMES, Manager.**

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Groceries  
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